

Japan's Greatest Contribution to Allied Cause



(ABOVE.) VIEW OF THE FORTIFIED TOWN OF TSING-TAO, GERMANY'S MOST IMPORTANT STRONGHOLD IN THE ORIENT. IT WAS BESIEGED BY JAPANESE SEPT. 13, 1914, ASSISTED LATER BY BRITISH, AND WAS CAPTURED NOV. 7, 1914.
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(AT RIGHT.) INTERIOR OF THE FORTRESS OF ILTIS AT TSING-TAO, AFTER IT HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY BRITISH AND JAPANESE SHELLS. THE FORT WAS ONLY CAPTURED AFTER A DETERMINED RESISTANCE OF NEARLY SIXTY DAYS.



LANDING OF JAPANESE SOLDIERS AT LAO-SHA-WAN IN THE OPERATIONS PRECEDING THE CAPTURE OF TSING-TAO. AFTER THE FORT WAS CAPTURED IT WAS ALLEGED THAT JAPAN HAD PROMISED TO RETURN IT TO CHINA AFTER THE WAR. THIS HAD NOT BEEN DONE UP TO THE TIME THE PEACE CONGRESS MET AND ITS ULTIMATE POSSESSOR WAS AT THAT TIME IN DOUBT.

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